

December 27, 2002

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 02-285
Petition for Open Coordination in the Public Safety and Business Radio Pools

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Ossipee Mountain Electronics is a two-way radio dealer that supplies both public safety and business licensees with communications equipment throughout the Northeast, and specifically in the Moultonboro, New Hampshire, area. Approximately 65% of our business comes from public safety clients and 35% comes from business clients.

Coordination in the public safety pool, typically APCO for us, can take anywhere from 3 to 6 months for completion. Unfortunately, this timeframe is only in cases where applications are not misplaced or lost. Coordination in the business pool is much quicker. It usually takes less than a week. This is probably the case because some local public safety coordinators work part-time and cannot devote the time required to do the job in a timely fashion. Business coordinators, on the other hand, work full time and finish the job much quicker, and it's less costly.

We would like to have more options for coordination available to us when coordinating public safety licensees. Competition would benefit the applicant through reduced costs and speed of service. We support ITA's proposal to open up competition in the public safety and business radio pools.

Sincerely,

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